

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, Claims 1-5 and 7-20 are pending in the application, of which, claims 1, 3, 5, 12, 13 and 16 are independent.

The above-identified Office Action has been reviewed, the references carefully considered, and the Examiner's comments carefully weighed. In view thereof, the present Amendment is submitted. It is contended that by the present amendment, all bases of rejection set forth in the Office Action have been traversed and overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

DISCUSSION**Objection to the Specification**

In item 2 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification due to informalities in paragraph [0032]. The Examiner notes that the phrase "guide rails 4 and 7" (two occurrences) should read --guide rails 4 and 5--. The applicant respectfully submits that these informalities occur in paragraph [0030] rather than [0032], and further that these informalities were corrected in the Preliminary Amendment A, dated 10/23/2003. If the Examiner requires further corrections, the applicant will promptly address them and respectfully requests further clarification thereof.

Claim Objections

In item 3 of the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 14 because of a misspelling of the word "support" in line 1. Claim 14 has been amended herein to correct this error.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102

At item 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11, 13-15, 17 and 18 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Bordeaux et al (US 6,364,397). The Examiner states that Bordeaux discloses a vehicle as claimed including a window runner 10, comprising a junction fixed to the window glass and an engagement part operatively connected junction

and engaged with the guide rail 12, the guide rail provided at the cabin side and moved in the up/down direction of the window glass, wherein the runner is adhesively 11 bonded to the vehicle's cabin side surface of the glass through the junction (Fig. 5).

The applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections of claims 1, 5, and 13. The applicant finds that Bordeaux discloses elongate profiled metal elements 10 which extend vertically along opposed lateral edges of the window 9 (Fig. 4). The profiled metal elements are detachably secured to the window 9 using plastic adhesive 11. The detachment of the profiled metal elements from the window is achieved by explosion of an explosive substance within the plastic adhesive (col. 6, lines 61-67). That is, the window glass 9 of Bordeaux is adapted to be detachable from the vehicle cabin side in order to prevent an occupant from becoming trapped inside the vehicle when a traffic accident has occurred. In contrast, applicant's claimed window runners are directly affixed to the window glass so as to provide a smooth sliding of the window glass, and thus are not detachable from the window glass. Moreover, the profiled metal elements 10 of Bordeaux are held by the plastic adhesive 11 in order to achieve the detachability of the window glass 9, and this could result in a lack of positional accuracy of the profiled metal elements 10. In contrast, the applicant's window runner is accurately placed and provides the benefit of a smooth sliding action.

Applicant has further amended each of independent claims 1, 5 and 13 in order to further distinguish the invention from the Bordeaux reference.

As regards claim 6, the Examiner states that Bordeaux discloses a plurality of window runners 10 fixed to the window glass and lined up along the transfer direction of the window glass. We note that Bordeaux shows a first runner 10 vertically aligned along the front edge of the window, and a second window runner 10 vertically aligned along the rear edge of the window (Fig. 4). The applicant agrees that these window runners correspond to plural runners as claimed. However, the applicant's structure as disclosed, but not claimed, is clearly different than that of Bordeaux, since the applicant discloses multiple runners aligned along the front edge of the window, and multiple runners aligned along the rear edge of the window.

As regards claim 14, the Examiner states that Bordeaux discloses plural window runners adhesively affixed to the window proximate opposed side edges thereof and arranged in two spaced apart substantially linear arrays. The applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection since a single elongate profiled metal element is not an array of window runners. Thus the claimed structure is clearly not shown by Bordeaux who discloses a single runner along each opposed window edge, rather an array of runners along each opposed window edge.

As regards claim 15, the Examiner states that Bordeaux discloses a connector portion having a shaft of smaller diameter than that of the junction, wherein said junction and engagement part are substantially disc shaped. The applicant respectfully disagrees that Bordeaux discloses a junction or engagement part which is substantially disc-shaped, noting that these portions extend from the top of the window to the bottom thereof.

Allowable Subject Matter

At item 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 3, 9, 12, and 16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that these claims contain allowable subject matter. The applicant has rewritten claims 3, 12 and 16 in independent form per the Examiner's suggestion. Claim 9 is not amended herein since it depends from claim 3, and claim 3 is amended herein to be in allowable form.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully suggests that as presently amended, all of the pending claims are believed to be allowable.

It is applicant's contention that no possible reading of the references, either singly or in any reasonable combination, can be viewed as teaching applicant's claimed invention.

For all of the above mentioned reasons, applicant requests reconsideration and

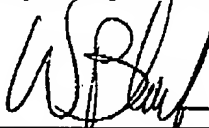
withdrawal of the rejection of record, and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application. Applicant also respectfully submits that the above amendments do not introduce any new matter into the application, since all of the subject matter thereof was expressly or inherently disclosed by the original specification.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$600.00 fee for three additional independent claim in excess of three, and is also authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess, to Deposit Account 50-0744 in the name of Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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